



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

August 8, 2011

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ATTN: MR. JASON SMATHERS
DEPARTMENT MR 677
POST OFFICE BOX 55819
BOSTON, MA 02205-5819

Subject: FORD, BETTY

FOIPA No. 1169404- 000

Dear Mr. Smathers:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

Section 552

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Section 552a

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21 pages were reviewed and 17 pages are being released.

- ☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

- ☐ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
- ☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

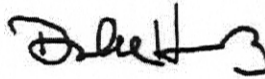
☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

- ☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other

individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosures (2)

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the Records Management Division at Winchester, VA, enclosed is a processed copy of FBI Headquarters file 174-HQ-6885 and San Antonio file 174-SA-1487.

To minimize costs to both you and the FBI, duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

Unfortunately, we are unable to access the manual indices of some of the Headquarters and all of the Pittsburgh Field Office at this time as they are currently prepared for automation.

Records (9-HQ-61232), which may be responsive to your FOIA request, were destroyed on October 29, 2007. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. The retention and disposal of records are governed by statute and regulation under the supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 12, Sub-Chapter B, Part 1228. The FBI Records Retention Plan and Disposition Schedules have been approved by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia and are monitored by NARA.

A search of the Central Records System maintained at FBI Headquarters indicated potentially responsive records for your subject are currently unavailable. These records are designated for shipment to the National Archives and Records Administration. Because these records are not available for review, it is not known if they are actually responsive to your request. Due to logistical limitations, we cannot determine how long these records will be unavailable.

This material is being sent to you free of charge, therefore, your request for a fee waiver is moot.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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Date: APRIL 15, 1976

Transmit the following in PLAINTEXT

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Via NITEL

(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR ^{71%} GAS
FROM: SAN ANTONIO (174-NEW) (P)

ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION AND INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION.

POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST FIRST LADY BETTY FORD, EID - BOMB
THREAT.

ON APRIL 15, 1976, [REDACTED] U. S. SECRET SERVICE,
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING:

ON APRIL 15, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF THE SAN
ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED HE HAD BEEN INTRODUCED TO
TWO MALES DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED] (LNU), [REDACTED] MALE, AGE [REDACTED]
TALL, [REDACTED] POUNDS, [REDACTED] HAIR, AND [REDACTED] (LNU), [REDACTED] MALE,
AGE [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] POUNDS, [REDACTED] HAIR. SUBJECTS WERE DRIVING
A 1972-73 OLDSMOBILE, WHITE VINYL OVER ORANGE, BEARING YELLOW
AND GREEN LICENSE PLATES, POSSIBLY ARIZONA. INTRODUCTION TOOK
PLACE AT MALIBU TRAILER COURTS, AUSTIN HIGHWAY, SAN ANTONIO,
TEXAS.

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ON THE BACK SEAT OF THE VEHICLE SOURCE OBSERVED WHAT HE
THOUGHT TO BE SIX STICKS OF DYNAMITE AND A RECEIVING DEVICE

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Special Agent in Charge

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SIMILAR TO A PORTABLE RADIO ABOUT ONE AND ONE-HALF TIMES THE SIZE OF A PACKET OF CIGARETTES WHICH HAD KNOBS AND ANTENNA. HE ALSO OBSERVED A BOX CONTAINING PLASTIC BAGS. INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS [] MADE A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT, "ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS FLIP A SWITCH AND IT WILL BE ALL OVER WITH -- BLOW UP THE BOAT AND SHE'LL BE DEAD."

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[] FURTHER ADVISED PORTIONS OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN RECEIVED BY THE SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 12, 1976. [] AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERVIEWED SOURCE ON APRIL 15, 1976, AND OBTAINED FULL DETAILS.

BETTY FORD IS SCHEDULED TO SERVE AS GRAND MARSHAL OF THE FIESTA RIVER PARADE IN SAN ANTONIO ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 19, 1976.

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND FIREARMS COGNIZANT OF THE ABOVE.

Administrative?

FBIHQ MAY DESIRE TO DISCUSS ABOVE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, INASMUCH AS SECRET SERVICE IS CONDUCTING ACTIVE INVESTIGATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT, *No Active Investigation By San Antonio*

Being conducted UACB.

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Special Agent in Charge

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SAN ANTONIO WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH ABOVE
AGENCIES AND REPORT ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED.

END.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

NR001, WA CODE

9:50AM NITEL 4-18-76 LNG

TO SAN ANTONIO (174-1487)

FROM DIRECTOR

POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST FIRST LADY BETTY FORD, EID-BOMB THREAT.

RESATEL APRIL 17, 1976.

THIS WILL CONFIRM TELEPHONE CALL FROM FBIHQ SUPERVISOR

[REDACTED] TO SAN ANTONIO ASAC T. H. GEORGE AUTHORIZING

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SAN ANTONIO OFFICE TO ASSIST SECRET SERVICE IN DEBRIEFING
SOURCE, WITH A POLYGRAPH.

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Date: APRIL 18, 1976

Transmit the following in PLAIN
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Via NITEL TELETYPE
 (Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI *746 PM TMA*

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (174-1487)

ATTENTION-GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION AND INTELLEGEENCE
 DIVISION.

POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST FIRST LADY BETTY FORD EID - BOMB
 THREAT.

RE SA TELCAL TO BUREAU APRIL 18, 1976, DURING WHICH VERBAL
 AUTHORITY WAS GRANTED FROM [] TO AFFORD A POLYGRAPH
 INTERVIEW TO [] AT SAN ANTONIO TEXAS; AND BUTEL TO
 SA ON APRIL 18, 1976 AUTHORIZING POLYGRAPH INTERVIEW OF SAN
 ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT SOURCE.

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ON APRIL 18, 1976, BOTH SUBJECTS AFFORDED A POLYGRAPH
 EXAMINATION BY SPECIAL AGENT [] AT SAN ANTONIO,
 TEXAS. POLICE SOURCE []

SECRET SERVICE AGENT

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Approved: *OK to send*

Tom George by phone / DLE
 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: APRIL 17, 1976

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TO: DIRECTOR 10:40 PM LFM
FROM: SAN ANTONIO (174-1487)(P)
ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION AND INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION.

POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST FIRST LADY BETTY FORD, EID - BOMB
THREAT.

RE SA TELETYPE APRIL 15, 1976.

REFERENCED TELETYPE SET FORTH POSSIBLE THREAT TO ASSASSI-
NATE FIRST LADY BETTY FORD WITH EXPLOSIVES SECRET SERVICE
ADVISED TODAY INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THIS THREAT HAD MET
WITH DEAD END. ONLY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATIVE STEP WOULD BE
TO DEBRIEF ORIGINAL SOURCE WITH A POLYGRAPH.

SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] SECRET SERVICE, ADVISED HIS b6
SERVICE NEEDED FBI ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD. HIS SERVICE b7C
WILL REQUEST ASSISTANCE HEADQUARTERS LEVEL AND HE IS REQUEST-
ING SAME OF FBI SAN ANTONIO.

FBIHQ IS REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE FBI SAN ANTONIO TO ASSIST
SECRET SERVICE IN THIS ~~SECRET SERVICE IN THIS~~ REGARD NOTING

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Per [Signature]

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SA 174-1487

MATTER CONCERNS POSSIBLE ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF MRS. FORD. SECRET
SERVICE ADVISES SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPT. SOURCE AGREEABLE.

REQUEST AUTHORITY BE FURNISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
TELEPHONICALLY FOLLOWED BY CONFIRMING COMMUNICATION.

END.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FILES AND RECORDS DESTRUCTION ORDER

Date 4/20/76

TO: SAC, SAN ANTONIO
FROM: SA
RE: File No. 174-1487

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I have reviewed this file, and under the criteria set forth in Part II, Section 3, of Manual of Rules and Regulations, this file should be:

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under the ☐ 120-day Rule ☐ 1-year Rule ☐ 5-year Rule ☒ 10-year Rule

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Case Agent's Initials llh

Supervisor's Initials wj

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Date 4/17/76

From: Director, FBI

To: SACs:

To: Legats:

To: RUEADWW/ ☐ The President ☐ The Vice President ☐ White House Situation Room
☐ Attn: ☐ Attn:

RUEBWJA/ ☐ Attorney General ☐ Deputy Attorney General
☐ Attn: Analysis and Evaluation Unit

RUEBWJA/ ☐ Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division

RUEBWJA/ ☐ Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division
☐ Attn: Internal Security Section ☐ Attn: General Crimes Section

RUEABND/ ☐ Drug Enforcement Administration

RUEANAT/ ☐ National Aeronautics & Space Adm.

RUEBWJA/ ☐ Immigration and Naturalization Service

RUEOIAA/ ☐ National Security Agency
 (DIRNSA/NSOC (Attn: SOO))

RUEBWJA/ ☐ U. S. Marshal's Service

RUEBDUA/ ☐ Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)

RUEBARE/ ☐ Naval Investigative Service

RUEACSI/ ☐ Department of the Army

RUEAUSA/ ☐ U. S. Postal Service (if Classified)
 (Use RUEVDFB if Unclassified)

RUEAIIA/ ☐ Director, CIA

RUEHSE/ ☒ U. S. Secret Service (PID)

RUEBJGA/ ☐ Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard

RUEHC/ ☐ Secretary of State

RUEKJCS/ ☐ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

RUEBJGA/ ☐ Department of Transportation
 Attn: Director of Security

RHEGGTN/ ☐ Energy Research and Development
 Administration

RUEATRS/ ☐ Department of Treasury
☐ Attn: U. S. Customs

RUEOGBA/ ☐ Federal Aviation Administration

☐ Department of Treasury
☐ Attn: Bureau of Alcohol

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Subject (Text begins next page):

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST FIRST LADY, BETTY
 FORD. EXPLOSIVES AND INCENDIARY DEVICES. BOMB THREATS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN ANTONIO (174-1487) (P)

ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION AND INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION.

POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST FIRST LADY BETTY FORD, EID- BOMB
THREAT.

RE SA TELETYPE APRIL 15, 1976.

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~~REFERENCED TELETYPE SET FORTH POSSIBLE THREAT TO ASSASSINATE
FIRST LADY BETTY FORD WITH EXPLOSIVES/ SECRET SERVICE ADVISED TODAY
INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THIS THREAT HAD MET WITH DEAD END.
ONLY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATIVE STEP WOULD BE TO DEBRIEF ORIGINAL
SOURCE WITH WITH A POLYGRAPH .~~

SPECIAL AGENT SECRET SERVICE, ADVISED HIS SERVICE
NEEDED FBI ASSISTENCE IN THIS REGARD. HIS SERVICE WILL REQUEST
ASSISTENCE HEADQUARTERS LEVEL AND HE IS REQUESTING SAME OF FBI
SAN ANTONIO. ~~SAN ANTONIO, F.B.I. will AFFORD POLYGRAPH Examination for SECRET SERVICE~~

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FBIHQ IS REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE FBI SAN ANTONIO TO ASSIST
SECRET SERVICE IN THIS REGARD NOTING MATTER CONCERNS POSSIBLE
ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF MRS. FORD. SECRET SERVICE ADVISES SAN ANTONIO
POLICE DEPT. SOURCE AGREEABLE.

REQUEST AUTHORITY BE FURNISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
TELEPHONICALLY FOLLOWED BY CONFIRMING COMMUNICATION.

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Date 4/18/76

From: Director, FBI

To: SACs:

To: Legats:

To: RUEADWW/ ☐ The President ☐ The Vice President ☐ White House Situation Room ☐ Attn:

RUEBWJA/ ☐ Attorney General ☐ Deputy Attorney General ☐ Attn: Analysis and Evaluation Unit

RUEBWJA/ ☐ Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division

RUEBWJA/ ☒ Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division ☐ Attn: Internal Security Section ☒ Attn: General Crimes Section

RUEABND/ ☐ Drug Enforcement Administration

RUEANAT/ ☐ National Aeronautics & Space Adm.

RUEBWJA/ ☐ Immigration and Naturalization Service

RUEOIAA/ ☐ National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (Attn: SOO))

RUEBWJA/ ☐ U. S. Marshal's Service

RUEBDUA/ ☐ Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)

RUEBARE/ ☐ Naval Investigative Service

RUEACSI/ ☐ Department of the Army

RUEAUSA/ ☐ U. S. Postal Service (if Classified) (Use RUEVDFB if Unclassified)

RUEAIA/ ☐ Director, CIA

RUEHSE/ ☒ U. S. Secret Service (PID)

RUEBJGA/ ☐ Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard

RUEHC/ ☐ Secretary of State

RUEKJCS/ ☐ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

RUEBJGA/ ☐ Department of Transportation Attn: Director of Security

RHEGGTN/ ☐ Energy Research and Development Administration

RUEATRS/ ☐ Department of Treasury ☐ Attn: U. S. Customs

RUEOGBA/ ☐ Federal Aviation Administration

☒ Department of Treasury ☒ Attn: Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms

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Director _____

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☒ Unclassified

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POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST FIRST LADY BETTY FORD
EID - BOMB THREAT

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN ANTONIO (174-1487)

ATTENTION- GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION AND INTELLEIGENCE
DIVISION.

POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST FIRST LADY BETTY FORD EVD - BOMB THREAT.

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~~SAN ANTONIO~~
RE ~~SA~~ TEL CALL TO BUREAU APRIL 18, 1976, DURING WHICH VERBAL
AUTHORITY WAS GRANTED ~~TO~~ [REDACTED] TO AFFORD A POLYGRAPH
INTERVIEW TO [REDACTED] ~~ALLIED REPUTATION OF TWO MALES,~~
AT SAN ANTONIO TEXAS; AND BUTEL TO SA ON
APRIL 18, 1976 AUTHORIZING POLYGRAPH INTERVIEW OF SAN ANTONIO
POLICE DEPARTMENT SOURCE.

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ON APRIL 18, 1976 BOTH SUBJECTS AFFORDED A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION
BY SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. POLICE
SOURCE [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

SECRET SERVICE AGENT

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TMA ACK FOR ONE FBIHQ

*SA [REDACTED] advised 5:20 PM that
USSS SA requests expedite polygraph
of [REDACTED] who source stated was well
of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (2). SA [REDACTED] advised
at 7:49 pm [REDACTED] Test [REDACTED]
Duty Agent [REDACTED] USSS advised
at [REDACTED] 7:50 pm [REDACTED]*

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EX-112 TELETYPE

1 - Mr. R. J. Gallagher

1 - Mr. J. Cochran, Jr.
(Attn: [redacted])

APRIL 18, 1976

TO SAC SAN ANTONIO (174-1487)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI 174-6885-3

1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt
1 - Mr. T. F. Howard

POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST FIRST LADY BETTY FORD, EID-BOMB THREAT.

RESATEL APRIL 17, 1976.

1 - Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. [redacted]

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THIS WILL CONFIRM TELEPHONE CALL FROM FBIHQ SUPERVISOR

[redacted] TO SAN ANTONIO ASAC T. H. GEORGE AUTHORIZING
SAN ANTONIO OFFICE TO ASSIST SECRET SERVICE IN DEBRIEFING
SOURCE WITH A POLYGRAPH.

TJS:mjg
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NOTE:

On 4/15/76, Secret Service, San Antonio, Texas, advised a confidential source of the San Antonio Police Department reported talking to two men who may be involved in a possible threat to assassinate First Lady Betty Ford with explosives. Source said he observed what he thought to be six sticks of dynamite, a receiving device similar to a radio and other material in the car of the two men. Betty Ford is scheduled to appear in a Fiesta River Parade in San Antonio on the night of 4/19/76. San Antonio Office advised Secret Service investigation met with dead end and FBI assistance was requested in debriefing original source with a polygraph. San Antonio has conducted no active investigation, but in view of the urgency of the request and the possible threat to Mrs. Ford, we are extending assistance to Secret Service. This has been coordinated with Division 6 FBIHQ Supervisor [redacted] Division 5 Supervisor Tom Howard and Laboratory Supervisor [redacted]

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NR 301 SA PLAIN

10:40PM IMMEDIATE APRIL 17, 1976 JRW

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAN ANTONIO (174-1487) (P)

ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION AND INTELLIGENCE
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POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST FIRST LADY BETTY FORD, EID- BOMB
THREAT.

RE SA TELETYPE APRIL 15, 1976.

REFERENCED TELETYPE SET FORTH POSSIBLE THREAT TO ASSASSINATE
FIRST LADY BETTY FORD WITH EXPLOSIVES SECRET SERVICE ADVISED TODAY
INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THIS THREAT HAD MET WITH DEAD END.
ONLY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATIVE STEP WOULD BE TO DEBRIEF ORIGINAL
SOURCE WITH WITH A POLYGRAPH .

SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] SECRET SERVICE, ADVISED HIS SERVICE
NEEDED FBI ASSISTENCE IN THIS REGARD. HIS SERVICE WILL REQUEST
ASSISTENCE HEADQUARTERS LEVEL AND HE IS REQUESTING SAME OF FBI
SAN ANTONIO.

FBIHQ IS REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE FBI SAN ANTONIO TO ASSIST
SECRET SERVICE IN THIS REGARD NOTING MATTER CONCERNS POSSIBLE
ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF MRS. FORD. SECRET SERVICE ADVISES SAN ANTONIO
POLICE DEPT. SOURCE AGREEABLE.

REQUEST AUTHORITY BE FURNISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
TELEPHONICALLY FOLLOWED BY CONFIRMING COMMUNICATION.

END.

SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Disseminated by [REDACTED] b6
[REDACTED] to USSS, b7C
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION AND
INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

DATE: 4/20/76

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (174-1487) (C)
was

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST
FIRST LADY BETTY FORD
EID - BOMB THREAT

OO: San Antonio

Re Bureau nitel to San Antonio, 4/18/76, authorizing the interview of [redacted] (San Antonio Police Department source) with the use of the polygraph and San Antonio telcall to the Bureau, 4/18/76, during which verbal authority was granted from [redacted] to afford a polygraph interview to [redacted] at San Antonio, Texas.

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On 4/18/76, both subjects were afforded a polygraph examination by SA [redacted] at San Antonio, Texas, who was unassisted in the collateral interview.

During pre-examination interviews, both [redacted] and [redacted] signed consents to be interviewed with the polygraph instrument and rights and waiver forms which are all currently maintained in the San Antonio 1A section of San Antonio file 174-1487.

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The subject [redacted] (San Antonio Police Department source) admitted to [redacted] prior to his appearance at the FBI office for polygraph interview. He did admit to having taken polygraph examinations previously and also having been told the previous evening not to take any medicine as it could affect the polygraph examination.

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[redacted] and Secret Service Agent [redacted] was immediately advised.

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NR 003 SA PLAIN

12:40 PM URGENT JUNE 29, 1976 DTI

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAN ANTONIO (174-1487) (P)

ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION AND INTELLIGENCE DIV.
POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST FIRST LADY BETTY FORD, EID -BOMB THREAT.

RE SAN ANTONIO LETTER TO BUREAU, APRIL 20, 1976.

SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] SECRET SERVICE, ADVISED HIS
SERVICE WAS REQUESTING RE-INTERVIEW OF ORIGINAL SOURCE IN
THIS MATTER. FIRST INTERVIEW, WITH POLYGRAPH, WAS [REDACTED]
AS SUBJECT [REDACTED] PRIOR TO IT. SECRET SERVICE
ADVISES SUBJECT [REDACTED] AND WILLING TO
SUBMIT TO INTERVIEW WITH USE OF POLYGRAPH.

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SAN ANTONIO WILL OBTAIN CONSENT FORM FROM SUBJECT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] REINTERVIEW WITH POLYGRAPH, AND ADVISE BUREAU OF
RESULTS, UACB.

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CC: INTELL. DIV.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE
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FROM: ^{WLC}
~~SA~~ SAC, SAN ANTONIO (174-1487) (C)

RE: POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST
FIRST LADY BETTY FORD
EID - BOMB THREAT

OO: SAN ANTONIO

Re San Antonio letter to Director, 4/20/76
and San Antonio teletype to the Director, dated 6/29/76
requesting a re-interview of [redacted]

On July 2, 1976, [redacted] was afforded a
polygraph examination at San Antonio, Texas, by SA [redacted]
[redacted] who was unassisted in the interview.

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Four examinations were conducted. [redacted]

[redacted] and Secret Service Agent [redacted] was immediately
advised of these results.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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